

# REDMOND PARK BOARD

## *Minutes*

May 6, 2004

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

### **I. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Lori Snodgrass at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present: Chair Lori Snodgrass, Seth Kelsey, David Degenstein, Ann Callister, Suzanne Querry, David Ladd, Sue Stewart

Absent and excused: Youth Advocate Katherine Zak

City staff present: Tim Cox, Manager of Parks Planning; Danny Hopkins, Parks and Recreation Director; Jean Rice, Parks Planning; Joel Pfundt, Public Works Transportation Planner; Rob Odle, Planning Manager; Pam Maybee, Recording Secretary

Welcome to Citizen Guests: Tom Atkins, Kay Tarapolsi, Sarah Stiteler

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The Redmond Park Board minutes of April 1, 2004 were approved with the following amendments:

- Page 1, I, City staff present: add Joel Pfundt, Public Works Transportation Planner

**Motion for approval of April 1, 2004 Redmond Park Board minutes as amended by:** Seth Kelsey

**Second by:** David Ladd

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

### **III. Items from the Audience**

**A. Comments Regarding Idylwood Park Opportunity Study & Program Components**

Chair Snodgrass announced that a presentation on the program aspect of Idylwood Park would be given at next month's Board meeting. Sammamish Rowing Association (SRA) will be bringing a revised programming proposal at that time (a separate item from the Opportunity Study).

Public comments:

- Steve Isaac, SRA: Pro SRA at Idylwood Park; opted to speak in June at the SRA proposal. Rowing program could grow by 100s if had a boathouse at Idylwood.
- Katherine Jonas, 17808 NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Ct: Senior high school student; pro SRA at Idylwood Park; active in SRA; rowing participation has improved her grades and responsibility; need new boathouse (lack of shelter, heating); Idylwood is closer to road, more accessible; a community activity for the City would make it more available for all. She rows/coaches between 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Molly Houlihan, 237 7<sup>th</sup> Ave W., Kirkland: Pro SRA at Idylwood Park, by introducing SRA's activities, it would ensure good community activities occurring in the park; promote positive growth in community; SRA would bring safety to park and area.
- Colleen Houlihan, 3615 W. Lk. Samm. NE: Life-time resident by park; historically, there were cabins, activities, dancehalls, boathouses, waterslides, docks, and full winter activity; requested to preserve Idylwood now as a water-base park; her residence is close, new SRA design is good; often park is empty and underused, not safe; SRA would add a presence, safety, and a predictable activity.
- Dale Doornick, 801 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Former resident since 1999 (now Sultan); pro SRA boathouse; SRA helped him train for championship; current location is ADA difficult; SRA at Idylwood would be more accessible; new boathouse would benefit community because rowing is an adaptive sport (recreationally and therapeutically) and builds self esteem.
- Nece Neyland, 2232 W. Lk. Samm. Pkwy NE: Lives by park, also rows; pro SRA at Idylwood Park, only open water opportunity on lake to be used for all community; for all kinds of activities.
- Brian Gable, 17641 NE 36<sup>th</sup> St: Lives across from park; historically, lakefront activity with boating; today, reduced to swimming and hanging out (basic activities), which leads to more and more unsavory character; atmosphere can be intimidating to families with kids and general community members; having no purpose leads to liabilities; Idylwood

needs purpose; rowing is healthy activity, low impact, supports community; provides a healthy purpose. Regular coming and goings with SRA, a regular presence; now is more a party atmosphere.

- David Anderson, 3837 W. Lk. Samm. Pkwy NE: Lives one-half block from I dylwood; park is part of his life, I dylwood house is not being used, best used for SRA location; adding art to park would be secure with SRA presence; park is not being fully utilized, SRA would; impact on community would expand improvement to youth and families; traffic patterns are early in a.m.; traffic would not adversely affect neighborhood.
- Mike Colbrese, 17412 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> St: Parent of former rowers; rowing advances and grows youth; he is board member of SRA; vouches for quality of adults who care about kids and what they are responsible for; need this presence in the park; no problem with traffic; people are caring, professional, and good stewards of the land/park.
- Lela Linnenkohl, 2624 W. Lk. Samm Pkwy NE: 19-year resident has sense of community that wants healthy, good activities; the physical demands of rowing on kids encourages commitment, team membership, and caring; she advocates SRA as good stewards of the lake; cannot add on to present boathouse; current location is dangerous, a hazard for the kids.
- Tess Utschinski, 16744 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Ct: While member of SRA, had amazing growing experience; perfect sport to keep kids straight in school; requires commitment, dedication, and time; rowing is for all ages, for adults and kids; they do carpooling; program is too big for current facility; kids are added each season and stay with the program; pro SRA at I dylwood Park; need to do this for the community, an asset for City; doesn't feel safe at park with minimal people there now.
- Graham Hutchison (via hardcopy letter): Pro SRA at I dylwood Park; with SRA at I dylwood, their motor craft would no longer be on the slough (which is used by migrating fish); resident since 1987, supports rowing and SRA's high level program.

Snodgrass announced the Board will continue to accept emails and written comments on the programming element, which would be discussed at the next Board meeting on June 3.

Cox reported that, following tonight's consultant presentation, a draft of the I dylwood Opportunity Study would appear on the City's web site by the first of next week. Three weeks would be given for public review.

A citizen asked the board whether or not SRA could use Idylwood facilities on an interim basis; they would like it sooner than later. Snodgrass reiterated the process: (1) A revised proposal for SRA programming would be submitted at the June meeting with public comment; (2) In June or July, the Board would make a recommendation to staff for programming, noting any restrictions the Board might have; (3) Staff will present to City Council as a CIP issue; Council will also take public comment. Hopkins assured the citizen that the Idylwood project is moving rapidly relative to other City projects.

Degenstein invited audience members to voice comments on other aspects of the park as well.

**B. Comments Regarding the Municipal Campus Master Plan**

None

**C. Viewpoint Neighborhood Park Adjacent Property**

Sarah Stiteler, City resident, presented a handout showing a 2.25 acre parcel adjacent to Viewpoint Park, north of NE 24<sup>th</sup>. She advocated the parcel as a possible acquisition and listed the following reasons:

- Opportunity to acquire open space next to an existing neighborhood park.
- Could house 7 houses if developed by a developer.
- The open space is enjoyed by the community and seen as part of the park (although it is not part of the park).
- Encouraged Park Board to look at the parcel on their tour (noted: it is a highly wooded area)
- The parks' public survey listed acquisition as a priority, and this would be a good opportunity.
- Owner is likely to sell sometime soon.
- Possibilities exist for a transfer or donation.

**Motion to direct staff to investigate opportunities for the above land acquisition and report back to Park Board for further discussion by:**

Suzanne Querry

**Second by:** Sue Steward

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

**IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts**

**A. Arts Commission Slides**

Kay Tarapolsi, Redmond Arts Commissioner, presented a slide of one of the 14 selected artworks for this year's Outdoor Sculpture Garden. She invited members to suggest a location for placement for the Brandon Zebold piece, entitled *Fall*. Due to the construction of the new City Hall, the piece will go for one year into a specific park or location. She noted that of the 14 pieces, the library will place two, Parks and Recreation will place one, and Redmond Town Center will place 11. ***Board members agreed that Luke McRedmond Park would be the best location. Tarapolsi will coordinate with Dave Tuchek, Park Operations, for placement.***

**B. Handouts**

- Invitation to Grass Lawn Community Park Grand Opening of new softball field and tennis courts – May 19, 2004, 3:00 p.m., field 1. (see VI.D.)
- Email regarding parking on park grounds in Hartman Park. (see VI I.A.)

**V. Old Business**

**A. Idylwood Park – Preferred Alternative**

Tom Atkins, consultant, presented the preferred alternative that resulted from the Idylwood Park evaluation process. He provided the plan's overview noting the options taken into consideration from the Board's comments. He listed improvements to be accomplished in these phases:

- Phase I: Playground, sand volleyball court
- Phase II: Expansion of parking lot, new picnic shelter(s)
- Phase III: Beach and new dock
- Phase IV: Additional funding for opportunities that come along (e.g., water activity building within existing house footprint)

Cox noted that funding now exists for Phase I, the playground and possibly the volleyball court. Staff will be looking at the Phase II improvement for the next budget cycle. Phases III and IV are subject to opportunity funding (possibly discussed with SRA). With sequential phasing, construction will move forward this fall with Phase I. Query thanked the consultant for capturing the Board's suggestions and ideas.

The consultant and staff provided the following answers to questions by the Board:

- The landscape buff could be a hedge on the north end/park side would be about four feet high. (Atkins)
- There could be a path for access across the south side of the hedge to accommodate pedestrians at that entrance. (Atkins)
- Biofiltration of parking lot runoff would be engineered either by use of oil/water separators or water would go through the grasses that would help clean the water. (Atkins)
- A detailed biofiltration design work would be done, and all projects would go through the City's Technical Review Committee (Cox)
- Swim lanes would be adequately staffed and very manageable from that distance and activity. (Hopkins)
- Swim lanes and play areas would be delineated with floats and signs. (Atkins)
- Beach "seat" wall height would be 18 inches and set back at the edge of existing beach. (Atkins)
- Plans would be reviewed for conformance with regulations by the Planning Department for future beach improvements. Staff will also be looking at a soft top cover to solve the receding wall problem. (Hopkins)
- The park is not large enough for a full size regatta, consequently extra cars, boat trailers, or excessive foot traffic on the 4- to 6-foot wide paths would not be a concern. (Isaac)
- The boardwalk would be a railing prohibiting boats from launching or tying up. (Atkins)
- Volleyball court design is still unknown until specs are designed. Perrigo's sand volley ball court may be a similar size. (Cox)
- There is an historical use of gates; they will stay with the character of the park and to accommodate users. (Hopkins)
- With the new Sammamish Parkway street improvements, bike lanes are provided. (Atkins)
- The drop off area was addressed in the parking lot configuration. (Snodgrass)
- A berm and plantings would be designed to create a buffer from traffic noise (Hopkins)
- There may be an option to have a right turn lane for cars heading north. (Isaac) The plan does not preclude this from happening, but Public Works would determine whether or not it would be included. (Hopkins)

Snodgrass expressed disappointment that the issues of significant trees and the pedestrian flyover were lacking on the drawing. Hopkins answered that it would be addressed in the overall project, especially by the Technical

Committee. The consultant is only in the organizing stage now; the pedestrian plan and other issues would be addressed later. Hopkins also noted no landmark trees would be impacted.

Citizen Colleen Houlihan shared concern with moving the dock to the north side. She noted there is a severe drop off very close to the shore, and it would be a hazard. Hopkins answered those issues would be taken into consideration with modeling of the water current and design of the dock; he acknowledged it would be a challenge.

Citizen Brian Gabel applauded the preferred alternative as providing purposes for the park. He asked staff to consider the area by the creek improvement where people stand on the platform with regard to cars that veer off the road as a potential for accident.

Cox noted a draft report would appear on the City's web site, and limited hard copies would be available at the Annex.

Snodgrass reiterated that the Idlywood Park Opportunity Plan programming would be discussed at the Board's June meeting.

**B. Municipal Campus Master Plan - Preferred Alternative**

Deferred

**C. PRO Plan**

Cox reported that study sessions with City Council and the Planning Commission went well: each seemed to receive the PRO Plan, draft #3, favorably. Council acknowledged that adjacent County facilities would not count toward meeting City standards for developed parks, but rather, meeting the City's facility needs (i.e., gyms, courts, fields).

Cox asked the Park Board to take action for recommendation to City Council for approval of the PRO Plan to help in the next IAC cycle. IAC has clarified it could extend the timeframe for the cycle provided there is indication the document is approvable. Cox noted that this draft #3 is about 90% complete (contains some scribe errors, not content). Staff would present the final document next month after those 10% revisions have been found and corrected. Hopkins noted this Plan shows a \$64-to \$65-million gap of

needs, but updates of the PRO and identifies an implementation strategy to correct problems. The PRO Plan allows for modification every two years.

Snodgrass commended and thanked staff for doing an excellent job on the PRO Plan revision, especially without assistance from a hired consultant. She noted the Board's comments were incorporated well.

**Motion for approval of staff to submit PRO Plan to City Council for their approval, subject to correction of errors and finalization by:** Seth Kelsey

**Second by:** Ann Callister

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

#### **D. Transit Oriented Development (TOD)**

Joel Pfundt, Public Works, Rob Odell, Planning Department, and Paul Fusal, KPG (consultant), were introduced as the team working on the Transit Oriented Development, along with King County Metro and Sound Transit. The TOD would redevelop the existing transit center on NE 83<sup>rd</sup> St, adjacent to the existing Park and Ride. The City is partnering with the County and Sound Transit, which are providing funding for the project. Pfundt emphasized several items from a presentation handout:

##### Why build:

- Redmond does not have a TOD, yet needs it to grow the transit usage to levels for serving the district.
- It would continue the NE 83<sup>rd</sup> promenade as a pedestrian emphasis from the Rivertrail to ORSCC.
- Continue the function of the Park and Ride.

##### Why here:

- Current site is best for a downtown long-term transit facility because it is already owned and operated by Metro; it is the best size.
- It is the best location for a transit bus service.
- The downtown will have multiple transit design districts (bus, rail).

##### Why now:

- Funding is immediate and presents a real opportunity now.
- Sets opportunities for transit oriented design district.
- Can do better with attractiveness and facility needs for Metro.

##### Schedule:

- May: public process (Boards and Commissions) to review design
- June 8: City Council session



- Late June (29th): Council resolution
- Late 2004: Funding strategies with Eastside Transportation Partnership and Sound Transit (get monies transferred)
- 2006: Construction

Pfundt noted the preliminary design has integrated the Park Board's comments into the site plan. The main focus was to preserve and protect The Edge Skate Park. Pfundt verified and responded to these concerns addressed by the Board:

Concern	Response
1. Impact of expansion of transit center on The Edge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The design maintains the existing open feel to The Edge.</li><li>• Provides a place to pick up and drop off kids; there is parking and drop off on 161<sup>st</sup> (no buses there).</li></ul>
2. No encroachment behind the 30 feet that was intended to realign the intersection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimized the impact and drew the park out into the street.</li></ul>
3. No westbound bus bay south of park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can program six bays any way they want; the westbound bay would be a local bay, less used.</li></ul>
4. No impact to the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The design comes as close as possible to no impact and attempts to bring the park out to the curb.</li></ul>
5. Bus odor and noise into the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screening is provided between the park and the center to minimize odor.</li></ul>
6. Additional amenities to encourage diverse use of the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Space and features, and expanding space (sidewalks, etc.)</li></ul>

The possibility of restroom facilities still needs research, as well as maintenance questions answered.

Paul Fusal, KPG, landscape architect consultant, went over each of the design images (handouts). He emphasized the driving force to the design is in the response to the park. The design has brought landscape to the curb line; the

shelters are one canopy size next to the park. Shelters are on the south. Transit layover spaces are larger in response to each property. The park's identity remains; transits are minimized in its space.

Transit requirements list a comfort station (a locked restroom) for Metro drivers. The park will have a stronger transit promenade; the shelters are open-ended and accessible. Trees will be added to the park.

Fusal reviewed the three architecture style ideas within the station of transit shelters, noting that themes could change depending on properties and locations. The three proposed architectural shelter concepts were Northwest Gazebo, Ornate Arbor, and Urban Trellis.

All Board members agreed that KPG did a good job in creating and enhancing the design in response to their concerns. Further Board comments:

- The design provides opportunity to recreate the design through the City with similar architecture.
- Provides opportunity for the Arts Commission to get involved.
- For the record, the official name is "The Edge Skate Park"
- The trees close in The Edge for safety and aesthetics.
- Choose trees that do not litter debris into the park, especially in the fall.
- Design made sure kids will still have an enjoyable experience.

Kelsey asked what the history was with Metro with the Park & Ride and transit center in the same location—he felt it seemed to contradict the purpose of not driving cars. Callister submitted that the Board was only asked to focus on the impact to The Edge. Kelsey believed the parking and traffic would be an impact on The Edge.

Pfundt commented there would be no increase in the Park and Ride. Currently, there is not a large population of users—it is for Redmond residents. Kelsey believed there would be an increase in pollution for The Edge. Fusal noted the two entrances are on 161<sup>st</sup> and the eastside, away from The Edge. He also confirmed that Metro buses are 84% cleaner now than 10 years ago, and they continue to work on pollution elimination.

Odle clarified the design is only at 10% design level. Snodgrass asked if the Board could look at the planting elements.

Pfundt stated the project is looking at improving all frontages of transit stops and turnaround. How much would be in the park then would be minimal. The only thing different is the trees and landscape. There is a lot less pavement along the two sides than the south side.

Degenstein requested they seek youth input on the design, noting they probably would not come to a public meeting. Fusal noted there is a public meeting next week where staff members could meet youth at The Edge to get their input. Snodgrass suggested Metro or Sound Transit representatives serve food at the event, providing a good interaction opportunity. Hopkins proposed that, when at the point of putting it into a motion for the actual design, Park Board could schedule their meeting at the Teen Center for discussing impact on the site. Degenstein reiterated to at least inform the youth—not necessarily on the design—but to include them in the process. Querry suggested posting pictures of the designs at the Teen Center.

Snodgrass expressed disappointment at seeing the removal of restrooms from the park. She observed TOD is currently the Park and Ride, and is a misnomer—a misrepresentation—because it only affects a minimal portion of the property. Also, she stated it is not good to offer honey buckets for kids. She requested that Metro be asked to look at the restrooms as an amenity to the public. Hopkins clarified the burden on maintenance would not be the City's. Degenstein noted that if transit encroached into the park, then as a trade off for that, they could get a restroom; however, that has not happened, and therefore does not feel Metro has an obligation.

Snodgrass also clarified there is no bike lane on 83<sup>rd</sup>; rather, it is on 85<sup>th</sup> as the main corridor for bike lane traffic. The Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Trails Commission were in agreement on that.

#### **E. Bear Creek Parkway**

Cox reported that May 7 is the deadline for comments on the Bear Creek Parkway supplemental draft EIS. Hopkins asked the Board to email their concerns regarding the environmental protection, and that the SR520 project be completed prior to Bear-Creek Parkway implementation.

Members expressed the following concerns regarding the alternative:

- Does not address what happens to traffic when it comes to 166<sup>th</sup> and how traffic will flow.

- This study got ahead of the downtown study; City Council should not approve until the downtown plan is completed and approved.
- The alternatives have changed, i.e., the alignments and where they go through.
- No EIS was done on open space, even though it would impact one of the alternatives.

Staff invited the Board to email their concerns to Jean Rice, and she would send them as a unified Board comment. ***Querry volunteered to assemble comments and send to Rice before day's end tomorrow (5/7/04), and Rice will forward to Kurt Seemann, Public Works, with a 'cc' to Hopkins and the Board.***

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Grant Opportunities/IAC and Conservation Futures**

Deferred

### **B. Board Election (Chair & Vice-Chair)**

**Motion to nominate and re-elect Lori Snodgrass for Park Board Chairperson by:** Suzanne Querry

**Second by:** Dave Degenstein

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

**Motion to nominate and elect Seth Kelsey for Park Board Vice Chair by:**  
Lori Snodgrass

**Second by:** Dave Degenstein

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

### **C. June Tour**

***Members will schedule over email.***

### **D. Park Grand Openings**

- Hopkins reported that May 19, at 3:00 p.m. will be the Grass Lawn Park improvements celebration, with an exhibition/league baseball game starting at 3:30 p.m.
- Snodgrass reported a "soft" opening of the new Perrigo Community Park has already occurred. Grand opening will be July 31.

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Hartman Park Parking**

Hopkins referenced an email from a concerned citizen regarding parking on Hartman Park's sidewalks and on the park itself. Dave Tucheck, Park Operations, is taking care to see the best way to approach it. ***Hopkins will report back to members.*** Signs will be posted. Staff is working now on appropriate signage, as well as looking at gates or bollards to restrict parking.

### **B. Nike Park Citizen Comment**

Hopkins noted a concern regarding the popularity of Nike Park, since it is not a scheduled park. Perrigo Park should defuse some of the soccer practice use at Nike. ***Staff will "cc" the Board with their response to the citizen, per Querry's request.***

### **C. Parks and Human Services Committee Report**

Snodgrass reported she has met twice with the PHSC and was encouraged by the new potential of the Committee. They conveyed respect for the Board's input, noting a shift of responsibility to the Board whereby their recommendations would be honored and heard.

### **D. Park Board Vacancy**

Suzanne Querry has announced her resignation from the Board. She has been appointed to the Planning Commission, and tonight's Board meeting would be her last in attendance.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by:** Suzanne Querry

**Second by:** Sue Stewart

**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Snodgrass, Chair

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Date

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Next Regular Meeting

June 3, 2004

7:00 p.m.

Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center